

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 30, 2007

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 977

Introduced by Assembly Member Ma

February 22, 2007

An act to ~~add Section 58662 to the Food and Agricultural Code,~~
relating to agriculture.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 977, as amended, Ma. Agriculture.

Existing law, the California Marketing Act of 1937, provides that the Secretary of Food and Agriculture may issue marketing orders that regulate producer marketing, the processing, distributing, or handling in any manner of any commodity by any and all persons, issue marketing orders that regulate the handling, processing, preparation for marketing, or marketing of any commodity that is produced in this state, and enter into marketing agreements with processors, distributors, producers, and others that are engaged in the handling of any commodity, that regulate the preparation for market and handling of that commodity, as specified.

This bill would require the California Research Bureau of the California State Library to prepare ~~a study of the voting structures of the agricultural and commodities commissions and marketing order assessment processes pursuant to these provisions~~ *summary of the available literature on the effectiveness of marketing orders, councils, and commissions and submit the summary to the Legislature and would require the Department of Food and Agriculture and respective councils and commissions to cooperate with the bureau by providing requested information for this report.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 *SECTION 1. The California Research Bureau of the California*
2 *State Library shall prepare a summary of the available literature*
3 *on the effectiveness of marketing orders, councils, and commissions*
4 *and submit the summary to the Legislature. By December 1, 2007,*
5 *the California Research Bureau shall provide the agricultural*
6 *policy committees of the Assembly and the Senate with an estimated*
7 *schedule for completion of this summary. The Department of Food*
8 *and Agriculture and respective councils and commissions shall*
9 *cooperate with the bureau by providing requested information for*
10 *this report.*

11 ~~SECTION 1. Section 58662 is added to the Food and~~
12 ~~Agricultural Code, to read:~~

13 ~~58662. The California Research Bureau (CRB) of the California~~
14 ~~State Library shall prepare a study of the voting structures of the~~
15 ~~agricultural and commodities commissions and marketing order~~
16 ~~assessment processes.~~